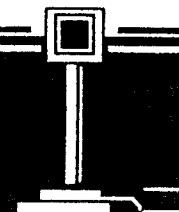


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## FIELD DAY APPROACHES; JUNE BUSY MONTH FOR MSARC

Once again, the month of June is upon us, and MSARC gets as busy as the traditional one-armed paperhanger. Before the month is over, we will have gone through enough activities to leave us gasping for air, but like most hams, ready for more--another weather net, a good contest, a foxhunt or whatever. Details will appear further down the newsletter. We'll take them in order:

### EQUESTRIAN EVENT

The horsey set will gather at the Hoosier Horse Park at Camp Atterbury on Saturday, June 3 to work the annual Equestrian Event. As I write this, we still need several workers to staff jumps or other parts of the course; contact Mac NV9K to get on the list. You'll get to see a lot of beautiful horses (and maybe beautiful people, too; I heard two of last year's participants discussing a cute blonde judge last night after net), and enjoy a pig roast after it's over. There may be an ATV setup at this year's event, so it might be your chance to be on TV! If you can help, be at the tent at the Horse Park by 9 AM on the 3rd.

### MASONIC HOMECOMING

About the time your sunburn from the Equestrian Event starts to hurt, we will start meeting at the Masonic Home in Franklin for the annual Homecoming. For this event, meet at the Home on Sunday, June 4

by 8 AM.

### FIELD DAY

It seemed so far away back in the depths of winter, but the fourth weekend of June is getting excitingly close, and that means another 24 hours of SSB, food, CW, food, no sleep, and food. It's Field Day again! Dan W9MLN is in charge of arrangements, and has already started work; if you can lend a rig, an antenna, coax, headphones or whatever, please call Dan or hit him on the net. As always, we need almost anything we can get; whatever you forget is what we'll need, so try to think of *everything*.

### MEETING NOTES

Both Joan and I neglected to keep notes of the Kerchunker winners at the April and May meetings, so I can't list them here, but we had a fine program by Keenan N9HCK on fox hunting in April. (In case you missed last Sunday's net, Bernie KB9AWS checked in handheld from a boat on White River near Broad Ripple, after a floating fox hunt which our own Larry WB9YAJ won.) In May, Sam Williams, Johnson County CD director, talked about the ID badges which will be distributed to active amateurs with the CD department.

You won't want to miss the June meeting for two reasons: first, we'll be planning Field Day, and second, Jim N9EJR will tell

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us about Amateur Radio in England, based on his recent stay over there. This should be an exceptionally interesting program, so plan to be there. (Other newsletters, please copy.) As usual, we meet at the House of Franklin about 7 AM, then at the Justice Building at 8. Don't miss June 17 and N9EJR!

### NEW MEMBERS

As a result of the spring Novice class, Midstate has gained three new members in the last month-- so new they don't have their calls yet. Give a hearty Midstate welcome to:

Jay Wright

Jason Jackson

David Martin

New licenses usually arrive on a Saturday, and I'm writing this on Monday, so these new hams may have received their tickets but haven't had the chance to call Mac or me with their new calls yet. We'll pass on their calls when we know them. Congratulations to the new operators, and welcome to the club. By the way, Mac NV9K reports a total of 22 new licenses from the spring class, and a number of those have already upgraded to Tech or higher. Who says Amateur Radio is dying?

### NO-CODE NEARER

The possibility of a no-code amateur license began turning into a probability recently with two major developments: first, a statement by Barry Goldwater K7UGA in favor of one, and second, the report of an ARRL committee, also in favor. The proposed no-code ticket would grant very limited 2-meter digital privileges, with all privileges at 220 and above. Apparently, experience in other countries with a no-code license has been very favorable, so don't be surprised if it appears here soon. The May issues of *QST* and *73* both had major articles about the issue; what's your opinion?

### QRT

for this issue; I have to get it printed up and take it to Franklin to get it out in time. Be sure to make the June 17 meeting, both for Field Day planning and N9EJR's talk; it should be fascinating.

See you next issue.

73, KA900H